

[25th August 1925]

Mr. M. VEERIAN:—"With reference to the answer given to clauses (a) and (b) of this question, although it is a fact that the cattle of the depressed classes alone are impounded, do the Government still persist in refusing to call for a report?"

The hon. Mr. N. E. MARJORIBANKS:—"As there is no suggestion that the cattle of the depressed classes were not properly impounded, the Government do not think that it is necessary to call for a report."

Bench Courts.

Appointment of Mr. T. N. Sitaram Pillai as president of the first-class Bench.

* 394 Q.—Rao Sahib U. RAMA RAO: Will the hon. the Law Member be pleased to state why Mr. T. N. Sitaram Pillai was appointed president of the first-class Bench at Tanjore notwithstanding his reported incapacity to be an ordinary Bench Magistrate?

A.—Presidents of bench courts are appointed by District Magistrates. The latter part of the question is not understood. There has been no report to the Government on the alleged incapacity of M.R.Ry. T. N. Sitarama Pillai Avargal.

Civil Justice.

A new District Court at Vizagapatam.

* 395 Q.—Rao Bahadur C. V. S. NARASIMHA RAJU: Will the hon. the Law Member be pleased to state—

(a) whether there is any proposal to construct a new District Court at Vizagapatam; and

(b) whether Government propose to allot funds for its construction in 1926-27?

A.—(a) Yes.

(b) If proposals are received from the High Court, the Government will consider the question.

Location of the District Munsif's Court at Ottapalam.

* 396 Q.—Mr. K. PRABHAKARAN TAMPAN: Will the hon. the Law Member be pleased to state—

(a) whether the Government are aware that the District Munsif's Court at Ottapalam is now located in a rented building on the roadside near the bazaar without even a compound attached to it and of great inconvenience to the litigants and vakils;

(b) whether there is a proposal to put up a building for the Court; if so, at what cost;

(c) whether it is possible to shift the Munsif's Court to some room in the Sub-Court if additional quarters for records and establishment are erected;

(d) whether the old Munsif's Court, which was leased to the Basel German Mission for conducting their elementary school, cannot be evicted and used for this purpose; and